

SENATE BILL 1227

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
relative to opioid prescriptions in the TennCare
program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-197, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

On and after October 1, 2017, the bureau of TennCare through a state pharmacy benefit manager or managed care organization contract shall:

- (1) Monitor the use of prescribed opioids by TennCare enrollees;
- (2) Require a prior authorization for a period of ninety (90) days for any opioid prescription to an enrollee, who is not pregnant, after the third consecutive weekly opioid prescription;
- (3) Require a prior authorization for any opioid prescription to an enrollee who is pregnant after the second consecutive weekly opioid prescription for the duration of the enrollee's pregnancy; and
- (4) Develop exemptions from the prior authorization requirements of subdivisions () (2) and () (3) for enrollees with medical conditions that warrant an exemption.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.